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THEN AND NOW.

What It Means and What It Meant
to "Confess Christ."

J. P. COOKE.

However fragmentary the old biographical account of his career, we may feel certain that Jesus was the great Theist and the great Radical of His age.

He was the champion of truth and of humanity against the tyranny of institutions, of priestcraft and cant. He was the first great Hebrew Protestant and fought, almost single-handed, against the whole organized power of Mosaism under the Chief Priest Caiaphas, and Josephus, on the one hand, and the ancient, Asiatic Heathen cult continued in the Antichrist of Rome, on the other.

So fighting he was hunted down at last by a conspiracy between these two and died a martyr to his faith and his fidelity to truth and to God.

Pontius Pilate, who was unable to save him from the coalition, "washed his hands" to free himself from responsibility for the deed.

The heroic heart of humanity does not easily give over such a character, to a few sounding phrases, banded between pulpit and pew, in the exclusive service of the very kind of conservatism and traditional piety and craft against which it was at one time a living protest.

In the early days the sole difference between a Jew and a Christian was accepting the belief in the Messiahship of Jesus: His witness to the Truth and the Living Light of the Living God, and it was no holiday affair.

This confession has drifted away in the course of centuries, from primitive moral and spiritual significance, to be little more than an act of the understandings of a social or ecclesiastical conformity. The moral life and meaning have gone out of it, it is now a mere empty shell.

To the disciples and followers and the bands of beggars that flocked to Him for healing and for succor, and for a few centuries thereafter; to confess Him today meant to be beheaded—"cut off"—or to go to the cross tomorrow. To declare one's self a follower of the Nazarene was to declare one's self an outcast from reputable society. It was to take up the most unpopular cause of the time;—it was to be ready for any contumely, any suffering and any death. That confession meant mockings and scourgings and bonds; it meant peril by sea and by land, it meant cold and hunger and loneliness; if you escaped, it meant being stoned to death by furious mobs, and being thrown for the sport of a jeering populace to contend for life with hungry wild beasts; it meant all that man can do and bear, for the sake of a conviction of truth, against the united opposition of religion and society: Religion represented by the priestcraft and iddarty of that day and of that land; "society" meaning the cruellest forms of persecution which the depraved ingenuity of man can devise.

All this did it mean practically, in those early days, to "confess Jesus of Nazareth;" this it was to be a follower of the "humble Nazarene."

This confession, therefore, in the early days was not merely a test of intellectual belief; it was hardly that at all, but it was a criterion of character. It tested the manliness in the man! It was a touchstone of moral and spiritual soundness. It was an appeal to what was deepest in the faith of the human heart, faith not credulity. It named all the

forces of human bravery and moral pertinacity and fidelity into the arena of public conflict, to fight for spiritual liberty and for truth oppressed and scourged.

Well might Lowell have lived in those days and have written the immortal lines:—

"Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne."

To acknowledge Jesus as an authoritative messenger from the Ever Living Light, in these days needs no moral heroism. It is an hereditary opinion in Christian lands.

To the majority of those who take pains to assume the name today, who connect themselves with religious institutions and become the active partisans of the Christian cult, the confession costs little more than a walk or a drive to a comfortable or luxuriously appointed church on Sunday and an annual ecclesiastical tax. Is there any wrestling of the spirit to learn whether the man Jesus, was really the power and attraction holding all the cosmos as a unit, creating the knowledge of time and space and all therein implied; the father of the human mind as it manifests in all the human bearing planets throughout space? Is there any serious effort to find out what the three-lettered symbol G-O-D stands for? What it means? What is the reality behind it?—and whether this may, sincerely be applied to a man.

Truth is ever one and the same, but its interpretations are many. An early Christian writer speaks of Jesus as being "the same yesterday, today and forever;" and so doubtless He is His own Light, in His own spiritual essence. But the Jesus of the Christian creeds shifts His position, or is shifted, from one end of creation to the other. He is made to occupy every place between simple humanity, in its most glorious spiritual possibilities, and the Supreme Being: The Soul of All Souls. He is mortal man, spiritual man, Ideal man, angel, archangel, emanation from Deity, Deity itself; according to on apprehension, he is lowly as the humblest, according to another higher than the highest.

But the Eternal Goodness reveals himself to such as can behold him; each perceiving as much of that Holy Light as his degree of life will permit. But what was the beginning of this wonderful transformation in "Christendom?"

A vast amount of worship, under this name today is an aesthetic device to lull reason and conscience to sleep. A sort of sanctimonious soporific. I suppose it may be quite safely asserted that half of the gold and stock gamblers in New York are regular attendants of churches and would make a perfectly orthodox confession of faith. Some of them are quite noted for their zealous piety, their efficiency in prayer meetings and their generosity too, in handing over to the church a part of what they have cheated out of their own confederates in financial "business."

What wonder, seeing that such men are accounted Christians—"Confessors of Christ"—that speculation and the gambling spirit have got into the church itself, and that many ecclesiastical corporations are conducted upon the same principles upon which the great stock companies are managed! The same skill that successfully "waters" railroad stocks is invited and welcomed to try a hand at "watering" the gospel.

It may be true that Jesus said, "Whoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father who is in heaven: But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven." But did

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STIRRING CRITICISMS.

A Dissertation on Late
Religious Ideas.

Hebrew commentators and other scholars admit the book of Job, the man of Ur—not Palestine—dates long anterior to Moses, and is Hebrew only by translation.

The history of these times shows the Old Testament scriptures were not compiled until the Jews had returned from their captivity in Babylon and was the work of Pharisees of the second Temple.

There seems at first to have been little plan in the arrangement, for aside from the numerous other blunders, how is it the xix of Kings and xxxvii of Isaiah are alike word for word, and the last verse of II Chronicles and the first verse of Ezra are also alike. Surely such repetition is not necessary to prove the book's inspiration. A better teacher advises against such redundancy as "vain."

Other blunders show random of arrangement, and pertinently intimate that if there is plenary inspiration in this work it is confused and scattering.

The stories of the sun standing still at a man's command, Jonah and the "whale fish," and the romantic though beautiful poem of creation in Mosaic I have not time nor space to write.

Rapidly increasing intelligence and criticism will fully disclose the utter uselessness, to this better progressive age, of all ancient traditional dope superstitious ignorance and fraud. Yes, it is safe to say that with the help of scribes the Hebrew people brought home from Babylon more religion and twice as much scripture—intermixed with science—as they carried with them from Jerusalem.

Kuenen, in his "Religion of Israel" while carefully crediting Judaism with all originality it deserves, sees how, after the experience in Babylon, there was an awakened interest in sacred literature. How the songs of worship took a loftier flight, how the thought of Jehovah became even more transcendent. How the Purim is borrowed entire from the Persian. He sees in the system of angels, and archangels and the "Seven Watchers,"—the Amshaspands of Zoroaster.

Walled in with aristocratic exclusiveness the "peculiar people" degenerated into effeminacy, vice and corruption the most destructive. Scattered among the nations superior, they learn the essentials of usefulness, rather than luxury and voluptuous indulgence. Frictionizing and polishing by contact with different people, improves and lifts into respect by cordial, fraternal relations. Hebrew pride, belief in their superiority and exclusiveness is fed and fostered all too long for their improving progress. The Christian clergy are guilty of largely assisting in the mistaken continuance of this grossly superstitious notion of special divine favor above all nations.

The great universal spirit, whose off-spring are all peoples, tongues and nations, is no respecter of persons, but is equally rich and kindly to all nations.

I hear there is an improved American translation of the Bible nearly ready, which is hoped to be cleared of the moss-grown foggyism of the barbarous past. It is a good sign and hopeful that ecclesiasts are becoming ashamed of the outlived dogmas and superstitions of the old book, and are expecting a text book less steeped with the spirit of king

and priestcraft, and breathing forth over the people more, much more, of the true spirit of progressive liberty and love.

"Come out in the open! Stand forth in the light!

Look facts in the face!
To hug one's illusions, take refuge in flight,

Crouch low in the shadow and cover the sight,

Are little men's ways.
Come out in the open! Stand forth in the light!

And fear not to look!
What seemed so mysterious during the night

Will shed all its terrors when plain to the sight,
Like print in a book.

Come out in the open! Stand forth in the light!
Dispute not with facts!

Exchange faith for knowledge and fancy for sight..

Make this your religion, "What seems to me right

Shall order my acts."
Come out in the open! Stand forth in the light!

View all undismayed!
Dread palsies the soul; superstition is blight;

But knowledge guides mortals to live life aright,
And die unafraid."

"THE PEOPLE PERISH FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE."

We do not share the alarm disturbing some about the critical study of "sacred writings." important analysis will eliminate truth and present it as fine gold, more refined, stronger, brighter and clearer to a progressive, waiting world.

Principles are imperishable. Criticism is corrective of vanity and abuse. Were it possible to destroy every copy of the Bible not one principle of value would be affected. All it contains of mysticism, threatenings, jealousies and hate-fostering revenges, useless to progress, should be allowed to pass forever away. America must be neither Italianized nor Judaized. Our religion should be Americanized.

The Bible is a remarkable admixture of Christ imparting liberty and soul-enslaving kingcraft. It is for the citizens of a Republic to choose the one and eschew the other. Born of humble parentage, the peasant prophet of Judea, was preeminently a man of the people. For his bold advocacy of the liberty and rights of the people. For this bold advocacy of the liberty and rights of the plain people he lost his life.

How strange that, surrounded by nations more free, it was left for Moses to enslave woman, at least limit her liberties. In Egypt, Chaldea and Babylonia such was the degree of civilization—the professions were open to the sexes equally. Woman had a voice in government. These nations had their women lawyers, legislators, teachers, priests, prophets and physicians. To Hebrew mothers the midwife was the Egyptian professional. This fact interblends with early history. It is equally discernable their best learning was derived. Their history mutilated—interpolated by fragments from histories older and better. By this handy habit the history of nations became interblended, old facts thus appropriated reappear behind new faces.

From the inception of Israel's movement, borrowing with the pretense of worship all the wealth, jewelry, etc., they could get, until now the accumulative propensity is characteristic. Boomed by mistaken religionists and exalted beyond desert, much of their success is by chicanery and deceit.

Sharpness, not honorable business shrewdness, is the tyranny which too often compels employes to choose between prostitution and starvation.

The Progressive Lyceum.

To the Readers of THE SUNFLOWER:
May I have just a little space and time to tell you of the Progressive Lyceum. Another month has passed and each week the little messenger has gone forth to the several quarters of the United States. We devoted the last issue of February to a program for the celebration of the birthday anniversary of Washington and are now preparing a special program for the anniversary of the advent of Modern Spiritualism March 31. I hope to hear from those who would like copies, and about how many they can use so as to arrange for the printing of extra copies. There will be two songs, with music written for the occasion, also responses and dates, such as would be interesting and instructive. Let us celebrate on the 31st this year, although it is not a Sunday, we should have grown enough in fifty-five years to devote the exact day to proper celebration. New Lyceums are being born each week and we are moving forward very nicely. If you have not seen a copy of The Progressive Lyceum you best send for one, as the growth of the Cause of Spiritualism depends largely upon the education of the children, so come on and help this department. Our subscription has almost doubled since beginning the paper, and we hope soon have sufficient support to enlarge the sheet. My appointmentment by the N. S. A. was that I might become a servant of the people for this department, and I want you to write me that I may minister to you and to the children.

I am Always,

JOHN W. RING,
National Superintendent of Lyceum Work.

LOVE.

A little spark divine,
Caught from a passing soul,
Developing each day,
New beauty to unroll:
They say that it is love,
Enkindling the heart
With that most sacred fire
Which God alone can start.

'Tis He that makes it burn,
And warm the heart each day,
And by the light of love
Keep souls from going astray.
It elevates the soul
To higher views of life,
And teaches truth divine
Instead of care and strife.
—Martha Shepard Lippincott.

ALL RIGHT.

In sorrow and in sighing,
In darkness and in light,
Just keep the motto flying:
"The world's all right!"

Think hate and wrong are dying
From human sense and sight;
Still keep this motto flying:
"The world's all right."

For love to love replying
Makes melody and light;
Keep this your motto flying:
"The world's all right."

By the establishment of truthfulness the Yogi gets the power of attaining for himself and others the fruits of work without the work. When this power of truth can be established with you, then even in dreams will you never tell an untruth, in thought, word or deed; whatever you say will be truth. You may say to a man, "Be blessed," and that man will be blessed. If a man is diseased, and you say to him, "Be thou cured," he will be cured immediately.—Yoga Aphorisms.



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SHOULD CHILDREN SIT IN OUR HOME CIRCLES?

One of our correspondents asks the above question in the "Light from Everywhere" column and requests someone to answer it. We hope others will answer according to their experience in that line, but here is ours:—

By all means let the children sit in your home circles. They are as much interested in them as you are, want to see and hear what is going on as much as their elders, and are as interested in the future outcome as anyone can possibly be. If they live to grow up they will want to know the ideas of their parents and will also want to know of the lines of psychic thought and phenomena that are a part of life of today.

That is one side of it. The other is that they are like their elders in having a life to live and they will want to know about the spirit side of life and also to get a band of ministering spirits around them so that they can face the conditions of spirit control they come in so constant contact with. If they have a band organized around them they will be able to withstand the storms of life and meet the contending forces in their surroundings much better. They will learn how to be positive to the influence of others and that may save them much unpleasantness.

Again, if Spiritualism is good enough for you, it ought to be good enough for your children. They should be familiarized with it and made to understand its precepts and its philosophy.

By all means take your children into the circle if they want to go. Do not compel them but make the circle so interesting they will not want to stay away.

TRICKS FOR MEDIUMS.

A writer in the *Progressive Thinker* calls attention to the advertisement or more strictly speaking the advertising matter that he has received from a company in Chicago who advertise to sell "tricks" to mediums to deceive the public with.

It is surprising how many people accept the statements of this company and take it for granted that they are actually furnishing the mediums of this country with bogus phenomena. The contrary is the case. If mediums required that kind of assistance, no one is foolish enough to think that they would deal with a house that openly advertise to supply such matter, if they would stop to think about it for one minute.

This house is well known to the writer. It lives on the strength of its misrepresentations in this line and the person who writes to them for the "celebrated trick" of such and such a medium gets something that he is ashamed to allow his friends to know he was foolish enough to indulge in.

Mediums do not patronize such bare-faced opportunities for if they did they would soon be so well known as fakes that they could not get a hearing in a Spiritualistic community.

This house once wrote us for advertising space. We immediately informed them that we did not care to have their ad appear in our columns. Among the things they wished to advertise was the "trick" by which the Bangs Sisters secure their slate-writing and paintings. This

valuable trick they offered to sell for \$2.00. We believe this would make the said ladies turn green with envy. To have their wonderful trick exposed at \$2.00 per exposure. Now is anyone foolish enough to think that if this wonderful production of painting is the result of a trick and this house has discovered it that they would make it public property for \$2.00? If such a thing was possible, they would have no difficulty in selling it for many hundred dollars and there would be a limited number of tricksters who would be anxious to give them a percentage of their receipts that would aggregate as much each year as they would get in a lifetime selling it at \$2.00.

THE SUNFLOWER does not take the position that there are no fakes following mediumship. It has always said that as long as money has a purchasing value there will be fakes in every line of business—from the highest to the lowest. But we do feel that people should not be caught by this bait that does not even have the virtue of anything like facts back of it. Another thing they advertise is the "Celebrated Davenport Brothers Rope Trick."

If they will teach me to get out of a rope, tied as the Davenport Brothers were, I will give them not only the \$2 or \$3 they ask for it, but I will give them \$1000.00. It must be so that the people can not detect it and that I can allow a sailor to come in and bring his own rope as the Davenport Brothers frequently did, and then get out of it. I would exhibit it simply as a trick and would make my \$1000 back in less than three months by exhibiting it to the public. The same will apply to the "Famous Bangs Sisters Slate Writing." If they will teach me how to get writing on a slate when it does not go out of the possession of the person who brings it, as hundreds of people say they have done, and the writing is something personal, I think \$1000 more would be cheap. In fact, if I could buy four or five of those "tricks" it would be a good venture to trade the printing office for them, go out for a few months and then buy it back again and have a large capital to run it with.

No, when these people tell you they are going to sell you their tricks and enable you to make a fortune, you can just bet your last dollar that if they really had the trick, they would use it themselves and make the fortune.

In conclusion, When you go to a medium, keep your eyes open and your mouth shut. The best mediums tell you this, and you will then get better phenomena and if you patronize mediums of known reputation, you will be quite likely to get good phenomena.

It will do you no harm to study sleight of hand—but don't think you are going to buy any genuine "medium's tricks" at any price. They are not for sale in any market. They are inherent gifts of the great power of the universe.

BIRDS ON HATS.

Lent is here. Easter will soon come and the female portion of humanity will vie with each other in the elegance of their hats with which to blossom out with the spring flowers. How many birds will have to give up their lives to supply the feathers, wings and whole bodies, to trim those hats? More strictly speaking, how many have given up their lives, for the birds have long since been prepared for the decorations.

How many of the women who wear birds on their hats would take a gun and go out and see a nice bird, with its beautiful plumage, and just as it opens its mouth to pour forth its soul in melody send a charge of shot crushing through its body, then pick up the macerated, bleeding body, prepare it for the trimming and wear it with any degree of comfort? Very few. But just remember that some one has to do it if the wearer does not. Then the excuse that they would kill just so many anyway, is not good. People hunt and kill as a means a livelihood. If they did not find a market for their dead birds they would not kill them and we would have many more of them around our doors and they would aid us in keeping our plants free from bugs, worms and other insects that prey on them.

ABRAHAM'S TOMB.

A movement is now on foot to excavate on the supposed site of Abraham's tomb and see what archaeological treasures may be found under the surface. It is not at all prob-

able that Abraham will be found in such a state of preservation that any of those whose great hope is to "rest in Abraham's bosom," will be able to recognize him, but it is not unlikely that many relics of that by-gone age will be unearthed that will give much knowledge of the world of that period.

There is no question that Abraham was a historic character. Unlike many of the alleged leaders, he was not and is not now considered a dream of the ancient Jews. No doubt his life, character and acts have been handed down by tradition and naturally were added to continually until it is not at all likely that Abraham even dreamed of being the character his historians have made him.

If in the excavation there could be found an account of the incidents purporting to have been a part of his life's experience as given in the Bible, what a wonderful discovery it would be for Christianity.

Notwithstanding the denials of the present day Christian to be a follower of the Judaistic religion, they must rise or fall on the authenticity of these records and if they could prove any one thing connected with this early day, it would be a wonderful help for them. We will await the result with impatience.

WHY DON'T GOD KILL THE DEVIL?

In another column will be found the announcement of a book on the above subject. We think it will make an interesting subject to discuss. We want our readers to send us a short sketch of their ideas on the subject.

Is the Devil really bad? If so, is not God responsible for his wicked deeds? If God made all things, did He not make the Devil? If he knew what the Devil would do after He made him, was not the Devil made for the purpose of influencing people to do wrong and therefore the power that made him is *crimins participis*? If God wants the Devil to stop his work why don't He kill him? Can God kill him, or is the Devil a necessity? If God can kill him and don't is not God responsible for every act of the Devil?

Most of us have got to a point where we don't believe in either a personal God or a personal Devil; but many have not. Give us your ideas on the subject and they will be published in a symposium March 28. Limit your article to 300 words and let us have the views of many people.

Writing of the Spirit Ebenezer Lovejoy.

Received on January 27th, 1903, through the mediumship of Mrs. Mary L. Kaiser, of Fort Scott, Kan.

My time upon earth was many years ago before all these new fangled notions came into play, the ox cart was our carriage and the log cabin our mansion, and drank God's pure water from unfailing springs that bubbled forth fresh from nature's breast. We lived honest sober lives and the will of God was revealed to us by the soft whisperings of His angel messengers. We were quick to hear and understand for we lived near to nature, then strife began and greed flourished until they almost forgot their God and worshipped as did the children of Israel, of old, the golden calf, and as Moses was sent to lead them out of bondage into the promised land, so Spiritualism is sent to free mankind from the bondage of superstition. When man will look at this question with common sense and reason, and not accept old traditions because he is too indifferent to search for the truth himself, then there will be a change for the better in the conditions of life.

They chant their hymns and repeat their prayers like so many puppets with their minds on the stocks and exchange and letting their spirits starve for the bread of life that is so freely given; stilling the whisperings of conscience by putting in a generous share of their hard-earned gains and try to cheat their way into heaven: An insult to God and a disgrace to religion. So through life they go a cheat and a sham all the way. They it is that hear, "I never knew you." Not until disease and disaster overtake them do they wake from their lethargy. And in reaching out they clutch the empty air and find their hopes have unproven false and their beautiful visions of future rest a deceiving mirage. So study out these questions for yourself, look beneath the surface, search and ye shall find the truth is ever shining

like a beacon to guide you on your way, but take care not to follow every "will O the wisp" that crosses your path or you will find yourself being entangled and led astray and your last condition will be worse than the first.

Now in conclusion I will say: Try the spirits to find if they are true, and when they have proven themselves to be truthful then rely on them, trust them as you would your father, and your trust will never be betrayed. When all the world forsake you then they will take you up and bear you on their wings of love to everlasting day where peace and rest shall be found for the tired soul, and all will be well.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,

EBENEZER LOVEJOY.

Question. "Won't you tell us something about yourself?"

My boy—I am, or was just an old man that lived to be three score years and ten, I saw the frailty of human joys, drank the dregs of human woes and am now enjoying the raptures of heavenly bliss and that is about all there is to it. I just came to fill up the time until others could be ready for you.

Yours in Love, Joy and Peace.

"March is piping spring's sweet praises,

Night by night the young moon fills;

Soon the golden-headed daisies Will be over all the hills."

THAT BRIGHT LAND.

Oh, how happy I am,
 To think angels can come
 And tell me of scenes in that land;
 Where all is sweet peace,
 And sorrow shall cease,
 When I join the happy band.

There shining so bright,
 In that radiant light,
 Are the faces waiting for me,
 To carry me o'er
 To the shining shore,
 Where I shall forever be free.

My loved ones are there,
 They are bright angels fair,
 I know they are watching for me;
 And I scarcely can wait
 For the opening gate
 To the home I so long to see.

There are gardens of flowers,
 And sweet scented bowers,
 Heavy-laden with perfume rare;
 And in visions of light
 'Tis revealed to my sight;
 I know its a land bright and fair.

Oh, may angels of love
 Come down from above
 To guide and direct us each day;
 And may their light divine,
 All along my path shine,
 That I never may lose my way.
 Mrs. S. E. Kesson,
 Albany, N. Y.

"Lord of all rough winds that blow,
 I am March, and ere I go
 I will sing you loud and low."



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LILY DALE NEWS.

Our warm weather continues and we have every indication of spring. The first frogs of the season were heard croaking last night March 10, and as they say that the frogs will be frozen in three times after they appear we will have to expect a little cold weather; we are not looking for much, however. There are many "sugar bushes" in the immediate vicinity of Lily Dale and those who have them in charge are busy night and day gathering and boiling the sap. For the past week "sugar-ing-off" has been the order at our home and social gatherings.

The card party was at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson on Tuesday evening.

The Culture Club will meet at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lugten next Sunday evening. Mrs. A. C. White, Mr. Lee Morse and Evie P. Bach were selected to bring and read something of interest at the next meeting after which a general discussion will follow by all present. While the intention was to have these meetings for educational purposes they have proven more social so far; refreshments are served and a pleasant evening spent and all feel better for having been in social intercourse. Mr. Lutgen is quite an advanced Astrologer and has interested several of the gentlemen in the subject and they have taken it up as a study.

Tuesday evening, March 10th, a home-talent play was given at Cassadaga, as the last number of their lecture course. Under the Laurels was the title of the play and it was well presented. Roy Turner from the Dale was one of the characters, and he did his part very nicely. We are always interested in all the social and entertainments at Cassadaga for there are always a number go from here; it is only a mile and if the walking is not too bad we can walk as there is a good foot path all the way.

Mrs. Nellie Warren has returned, having been to Fredonia for some time, she has property to let and for sale and is already receiving applications for the season. She will be glad to secure a house for you for the season, or if you have property to rent or sell she will act as your agent.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Maggie Turner has recovered sufficiently so she was able to take a trip to Fredonia this week; she has been confined to the house all winter.

Dr. and Mrs. Hyde are expected any day; they are at Friendship at present, Mrs. Hyde having finished her study at the Alfred College for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cooper and Mrs. Miller-Wilcox are expected the 22, they are coming early to prepare their home for the summer; for it will be remembered they purchased the Harris property on the road to Cassadaga, which will be known in the future as Edelwald on the Lake.

To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brooks.

Well! well, old daddy!
So its a lad, eh?
Who would have thought it!
All are filled with joy
To think it is a boy
But—have you sought it?

Oh, just wait a little longer,
Until the boy grows stronger,
And at night you lose your sleep;
I can see you in my fancies,
Muttering mid your nightly dances
Praises loud and deep.
Whisper low, George, least you rouse
the little one
Then there would be music and fun
In the air, you might rouse his infant
yell
And as on the night it fell
Might tempt you then to swear.

But good luck betide the father
May the boy not prove a bother,
Now that he has entered on the
stormy sea of life;
May his happy days be many,
And his gloomy days, not any,
And may he be unfettered from life's
sorrow and its strife.

Good luck betide the mother,
May the future bring another,
To share with you the joys of wedded
life;
May it be a little sister and after you
have kissed her,—
Remember—show this letter to your
wife.

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BUFFALO NEWS.

N. H. EDDY, Special Correspondent.

Mrs. Nellie Mosher of Kent, O., the highly gifted psychic, and message bearer of the truths of Spiritualism, and spirit return, is serving the First Society of Spiritualists, at the Temple, for the month of March. Mrs. Mosier reached her destination here in Buffalo, in time for the first Sunday engagement, but came very near not being able to even reach Buffalo, as she was unfortunately not only delayed in her journey by the R. R. wreck on the Penn. R. R., in which she sustained severe injury, and came near losing her life and was badly shook up by the accident; she was also confined to her bed, and suffered very much and was unable to fill the first Sunday's appointment. Victor Wyldes who has been serving the society for two months, very kindly filled the vacancy., Sunday, March 1st.

Sunday, March 8th, Mrs. Mosier, though yet suffering from the effects of the accident, occupied the rostrum both morning and evening, and done very remarkable work, both through the psychic power of clairvoyance and psychometry, giving many very clear, distinct and accurate messages to members of the audience, not only the whole name of the spirit friend, but many words of cheer and encouragement were given. Rapidly was her work done. Mrs. Mosier is a stranger to all in Buffalo, this being her first visit but she has already won the admiration of those who were privileged to be the members of the audience and listen to the ability of her psychic power, in giving the accurate names in full and places of transition of those who, once in the mortal garb of life, had now taken up their line of progress in the realm of spirit yet through the psychic nature of Mrs. Mosier, the spirit friends could telegraph to their mortal loved ones and bear evidence of the continuity of life. Mrs. Mosier is an honest and sincere worker and an able instrument in the hands of her guides, to demonstrate the truth of Spiritualism. Long may she live, to act as a message-bearer and a comforter to those mortals and spirits through her kindly ministrations.

Patrons of the SUNFLOWER in Buffalo please take notice that Tuesday evening, March 17th, the Y. P. S. I. will hold a maple sugar party and entertainment. Miss Edith Parker, the accomplished elocutionist, will be present to take considerable time in entertaining those who are present and I can vouch for a rich treat for all who come to the Temple corner Jersey Street and Prospect Avenue, Tuesday evening, the 17th.

Thursday evening March 5th, Mr. W. L. Albee, President of the First Spiritualist Church and in behalf of this Church tendered a reception in the Church parlors in honor of Mrs. Doctor Matteson, Rev. Victor Wyldes and to introduce Mrs. Nellie Mosier the pastor of the Church. The audience room was profusely decorated with large and beautiful palms also potted plants in bloom everything neatly and tastefully arranged. The invitations were extensively distributed to friends and members of the congregation and large number responded by their presence on the occasion.

Miss Bessie Starr was the musical director for the evening. Miss Florence Beebe a young and accomplished pianist rendered several very excellent piano solos, which were well appreciated by the audience. Master Harold Roberts rendered several vocal solos demonstrating considerable ability in the expression of same. Henry L. Hanson acted as the toast master of the evening and he called upon many in the audience to respond in words of greeting and honor to Mrs. Doctor Matteson and Rev. Victor Wyldes. Mrs. Mosier, on account of accident, was not able to be present.

Many words of greeting and kindly feeling were extended in honor of those for whom the preparation of the evening was intended and Mrs. Dr. Matteson responded very ably and expressed kind acknowledgements of the greetings and honor bestowed.

Rev. Victor Wyldes followed with words of appreciation for the kindly feelings extended to him and there was much feeling of regret expressed that Mrs. Mosier was not present to enjoy the honors due her on the occasion. There was also feelings of sympathy extended that the support of the spiritual forces might be realized by her and that recuperation of her physical energies be made

manifest to the extent that she would soon be able to be with us and cooperate in the services of the month.

"After the intellectual feast had been served a line of march was formed and each one present had the privilege of greeting with a handshake and kind word to Dr. Matteson and Rev. Wyldes. Then the material needs were next in order. Mrs. C. Starr, who had charge of the refreshments and that part of the entertainment called together her aids and assistants, gentlemen waiters, who served to each one present a bountiful supply of cake, ice cream and coffee, to which each one done ample justice; yet a bountiful supply was left which gave token of the generous and liberal donation of W. L. Albee, the Host of the occasion.

Much praise was due to Mrs. Starr and those who carried out the plans and arrangements of the evening, as per the direction of Mr. W. L. Albee, the host, and from the testimonials of those who honored him by their presence I would say that your correspondent heard much praise and appreciation expressed as regards the entertainment of the evening.

Lyman C. Howe.

In view of the severe afflictions that have overtaken Brother Barrett and his dear, long-suffering wife, we feel that our trials are of small account. Nevertheless, to grope in blindness for three months, was not an enjoyable experience.

To those dear friends who have written me letters of congratulation on the restoration of my sight, I would return most sincere and hearty thanks to each and all. These these friendly letters are bracing and inspiring and thrill me with grateful emotion. As Massy states it, "Fraternity, loves other name, dear heaven connecting link of being," is the sacred wand that gives to all things besides a charm of eternal value.

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I speak in Buffalo the Sundays of April and will answer calls for funerals or lectures at any point accessible from that city between the Sundays. I am free to make engagements for May and June and the fall and winter months and also for summer Camp work.

We are rejoiced at the news of the reversal of the decision of the Mc Ilroy will case. This is a great victory for the right and furnishes a splendid precedent for future cases in which Spiritism is on trial.

Mrs. Howe and myself congratulate you on the steadily improving SUNFLOWER.

LYMAN C. HOWE.

OBITUARY.

MRS. M. C. HILLS,

widow of Geo. Hills deceased, of Florence, Ala., passed away into the spirit-land February 9th. She was a consistent Christian member of the church, and an intelligent and wonderfully gifted medium, a strong believer in Spiritualism. Her mediumistic powers were marvelous. Her faith made her transition a beautiful one. Death had no terrors for her. Mrs. Hills was in her 59th year. She was known to many as a kind, thoughtful ministering angelic woman rendering pleasure, comfort and solace to many sorrowing hearts. Peace to her memory; she is not dead, but gone to the land of the beautiful to live forever.

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Nothing goes to suit you, quite?
Skies seem sort of dark, and clouded,
Though the day is fair and bright?
Eyes affected—fail to notice
Beauty spread on every hand?
Hearing so impaired you're missing
Songs of promise, sweet and grand?

No, your case is not uncommon—
'Tis a popular distress;
Though 'tis not at all contagious,
Thousands have it more or less;
But it yields to simple treatment,
And is easy, quite, to cure;
If you follow my directions,
Convalescence, quick, is sure.

Take a bit of cheerful thinking;
Add a portion of content,
And with both let glad endeavor
Mixed with earnestness be blent;
These with power and skill com-
pounded
Will produce a magic oil
That is bound to cure if taken
With a lot of honest toil.

If your heart is dull and heavy,
If your hope is pale with doubt,
Try this wondrous Oil of Promise,
For 'twill drive the evil out.
Who will mix it? Not the druggist
From the bottles on his shelf;
The ingredients required
You will find within yourself.
—Success.

"BE STILL."

On account of a false education,
it is very hard to be quiet—actually
still. And yet we grow only in
passive moments. Sow the seed on
top of the ground, where it is exposed
to the wind, the sun, and the noise,
and there is no results. Plant it
deep, out of the way of every appar-
ent vibration, and we are rewarded
by "fruit in due season."

It is the worry and hurry of work
that brings pain and sorrow. It is
not the work itself. When we learn
how to preserve calmness at the cen-
ter of our being, all the hardness and
drudgery will be eliminated from our
tasks. Better still, they will not
be tasks. This poise can be attained
only by a realization of the truth
of God's almightiness in us, as well
as in the outside universe. So let
us "Be still and know that I am
God."—*Eleanor Kirk's Idea.*

HOW TO MEET DIFFICULTIES

The school of difficulties is the
best school of moral discipline.
When difficulties have to be en-
countered, they must be met with
courage and cheerfulness. Did not
Aristotle say that happiness is not
so much in our objects as in our
energies? Grappling with difficul-
ties is the surest way of overcoming
them. The determination to realize
an object is the moral conviction that
we can and will accomplish it. Our
wits are sharpened by our necessity,
and the individual man stands forth
to meet and overcome the difficulties
which stand in his way.

Robert Bruce had been defeated
twelve times by Edward. His
troops were scattered and he had
taken shelter in a barn. While in
the barn he saw a spider climb a
beam of the roof. It fell down
twelve times. The thirteenth time
it climbed to the top. Bruce said
to himself, "Why should I not per-
severe also?" He rallied his troops,
defeated Edward, and was crowned
king.

Mr. Disraeli failed in his first
speech in the House of Commons.
As he took his seat he uttered the
prediction, "The day will come when
you will be glad to hear me." Robert
Hall, the great non-conformist
preacher, broke down in his first ser-
mon. George Stephenson was
laughed at when he first talked of a
locomotive and a railway. Mr.
Thackeray had great difficulty in
finding a publisher willing to publish
"Vanity Fair." Bishop Simpson
failed in his first sermon. His
earliest pulpit efforts were so poor
that his friends advised him not to
enter the ministry. History is full
of such examples. Don't be dis-
couraged. "If at first you don't
succeed, try again."—*Wolf's Busi-
ness College Journal.*

GOD'S KIN.

There is no summit you may not
attain,
No purpose which you may not yet
achieve,
If you will wait serenely and be-
lieve
Each seeming loss is but a step to 'rd
gain.

Between the mountain-tops lie vale
and plain;
Let nothing make you question,
doubt or grieve;
Give only good, and good alone
receive;
As you welcome joy, so welcome pain.
That which you most desire awaits
your word;
Throw wide the door and bid it
enter in.

Speak, and the strong vibrations
shall be stirred;
Speak, and above earth's loud,
unmeaning din
Your silent declarations shall be
heard.
All things are possible to God's
own kin.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

SPIRITUAL HEALING.

In a few simple and comprehensive
sentences are here given the princi-
ples of Spiritual Healing:
The Holy Spirit can heal dis-ease
if we know how to hold our selves—
our souls—in relation to it.

To be whole (holly) we must be
both positive and negative—positive
in closing our minds to all fear, doubt,
bigotry, intolerance and superstition
and negative and receptive (in the
Silence) to the Higher Powers—God,
the Holy Spirit and the Holy Angels.

This is the way to live in the Spirit,
and to attain to strength and power
and the Most High.
A great soul says: "This hour is
the soul's opportunity. Spirit is a
substance having two poles or gates.
To live in health it is only necessary
to keep the gate closed which opens
downward into the realms of shadow
and unrest, to be always positive in
that direction, and negative always
upward toward the source of all
Life, which we never can exhaust—
the unending, everlasting fountain of
strength, of power and wholeness.
'Walk in the Spirit.'

Close thy lower mind to pessi-
mism.

Open the higher mind to optimism.
Learn to be thoughtful, calm and
serene at times, thus permitting,
while in this negative or receptive
state, the Great God to thrill you
with His soothing and healing and
strengthening vibrations.

PRAY.
PRAY!
LISTEN!
OBEY!
Know that thou art an eternal soul
with a body, and not a body with a
soul.

Live less on the plain of thought
and more in the realm of Spirit.

"We are all component parts of
a Perfect Unit." Health and
strength and Power and Joy and
Bliss are ours when we fully live in
the Spirit—realizing that we are
everlasting souls, uncreated, and
not physical bodies.

What can hurt or disturb a soul?
It is the mind that suffers through
its own false thinking.

The soul cannot be sick; neither
can it be created or lost. It is.
Dis-ease is the effect of the mind
dwelling in the body rather than in
the soul—the Spirit.

Come my adored God! Come,
and rouse my mind to its true rela-
tion to me, the eternal self. Say to
my unruly mind: Obey the King
and Master, Spirit, and then I will
be whole.—*Magazine of Mysteries.*

"The highest possible stage in
moral culture is when we recognize
that we ought to control our thoughts
and not even in inmost thought to
think again the sins that made the
past so pleasant to us." Whatever
makes any bad action familiar to
the mind, renders its performance
so much the easier. As Marcus Aure-
lius long ago said, "Such as are
thy habitual thoughts; such also
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for the soul is dyed by the thoughts."
—*Darwin. In the "Descent of Man,"*
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THE PRAIRIE FIRE.

A steed was Bess, fair to behold;
In her brown eyes, a gleam of gold.
Her coat was like the thistle down;
The softest, glossiest and brown;
Her ankles delicate and fair,
Feet touching less of earth than air;
A mane whose midnight blackness
caught
The silver ray that sunshine brought;
A winsome creature, Bess, Brown
Bess,
Who fondly loved my light caress.

Since sunset fell upon the plain,
My hand had been upon the rein,
And from the saddle girt I saw
The far-off mountains nearer draw.
I heard the coyote wailing call,
The ground owl from her lonely hall;
And saw the shrinking wolf forms
pass
With stealthy course across the grass.
Around me stretched the prairie wide,
As boundless as the ocean tide;
Its grey horizon, dim and far,
Just lighted with the evening star;
While half, half lost in ether blue,
The moon was faintly glim'ring
through.

The drowsy scene, the lulling tone
Of insects from the prairie lone,
Fell dreamily upon my ear;
And soon across the prairie sere,
I rode beneath the ev'ning skies,
Sleep sealing fast my weary eyes.

And dreaming in my saddle girt,
Half weary of the things of earth,
My soul passed from its house of clay,
Across the night, across the day,
Across a lapse of years misspent—
Wrong in life's ev'ry color blent.

Forgetting time, forgetting place,
And living for a little space
Back in the past, so fair, so free,
I knelt again at mother's knee,
And offered my petition to
The God who reigns above the blue;
And once again I seemed to see
My mother, as she used to be,
Before the angels held ajar;
And once, once more I seemed to hear
Her sweet voice from that farther
sphere.

In accents saying sweet and low:
"Through all these years you've
grieved me, so."

"Stilled are the strings, the golden
strings

Of harp for me, while folded wings
Refuse to bear me from your side;
Though fearfully my face I hide
To veil the deeds of wrong you do—
O, to your boyhood's God be true!"

The sweet voice faltered, then again
It quivered in a sad refrain:
"Turn in your darkness; your despair
To me, who'll guide your footsteps
where

The lights of heaven softly break;
But follow me, I'll ne'er forsake!"

Her pleading eyes, her tender tone,
Stirred pure impulses, once my own;
And in my breast I felt them sweet,
While like a benediction fell
Her presence nevermore to leave—
A spirit that no more I'd grieve.

From Bess just then a whinny broke,
And sadly from my dream I woke.
She shook the reins upon her neck,
While hands before me seemed to
beck.

She was uneasy, Bess, Brown Bess,
And was not calmed by my caress.

I glanced to eastward, looking back
Whence I had come, and o'er my
track,

Perhaps a short half-mile away,
A gleam of fiery crimson lay.
A prairie fire! I knew it well
By red waves as they rose and fell,
Borne by the alternating breeze
That cast them up from glowing seas.

A scene it was sublime and grand!
The prairie dark on every hand.
The white stars glinting over head,
The gray grass rustling sere and dead,
A rosy line of fire that came,
A purple cloud above the flame;
While rushing darkly on before,
Their voices rising in a roar,
The horned herd of the prairie ran
As only maddened creatures can.

Two dangers now were on my trail,
A fiery storm with ashen hail;
And living, senseless, awful things,
Their swift shapes sped as if by wings.
"A race for life! my bonny girl!
A race for life! my prairie pearl!
A race to save your master, dear;
Ho! for the foot-hills drawing near!"

Bess caught my whisper, then away
A battle arrow from the fray;
Her fair neck stretched, her nostrils
spread,

A shadow, she, so light her tread.
On! on! but still she does not wane,
The red light gleaming in our train;
The tramping hoofs, an army strong,
Borne onward in a motley throng.
But it is useless! death awaits
Before we reach the mountain gates!
Then unto one I turn and pray:
"Oh, mother, mother, lead the way!"

The answer came, "Turn to your
left;
Before you keep the mountain cleft!
Your mother knows your sore dis-
tress;
She guides you, and she guides to
bless."

Swift reining Bess from out her
course,
While crackling flame and bellow
hoarse
Rose on the night air clear and strong
We turned and half, half faced the
throng.

A prairie trail before us lay
Up to the rim of mountains gray.
Across the level stretch it led,
O'er which like shadows now we sped.

Death challenged as we onward flew,
And close his lines of boundry drew.
His hot breath fanned my cheek and
brow;
The horned heard almost on us now.

"One effort more, O Bess, Brown
Bess,
Swift answers to my fond caress,
And gain, O! gain the mountain cleft
Before life's ling'ring hope has left!"

But heaven only could respond;
The magic only of its wand,
Waved through the shadows of the
night,

Dispel the danger of my plight.
But wondrous as the parting sea
That set the hosts of Israel free;
As wondrous as the words of Christ,
Whose tone to still the sea sufficed;
As wondrous as these mysteries,
They are not greater, no, than this:
That as my heart went out in prayer,
There fell upon the prairie air
A storm that gathered in the hills
And sweeps the wide plain as it wills.

It came with thunder in its tone,
And earth before it seemed to groan.
It sped in fury on its way,
Its dark locks sweeping in the spray.
It shook the earth, it shook the air,
Its red lance quiv'ring everywhere.

Then like the autumn leaves that pass
The horned herds swept across the
grass
Straight from me to the southward,
where

I heard the thunder-trumpets blare,
And saw the storm-god, strong and
fleet,
Pass with the herd in mad retreat.

Dark grew the prairie round about;
Dark, for the fiery scourge was out,
Its indignation overpast,
Dead in the bosom of the blast.

And while there trembled overhead
A few lone stars to softly shed
The beauty of their luster round,
I knelt upon the wet, wet ground,
And while it seemed an angel throng
Swept all their harps to one sweet
song,

I gave my hand and heart anew
To Him who reigns above the blue.
—Leslie Manchester.
North Collins, N. Y.

"If a man get the ideal of non-in-
juring others before him, even ani-
mals which are by their nature fer-
ocious, will become peaceful. The
tiger and the lamb will play together
before the Yogi and will not hurt
each other. When you have come to
that state, then alone you will
understand that you have become
firmly established in non-injuring.
Non-killing being established, in his
presence all enmities in others cease.
—Yoga Aphorisms.

"Beware, O beware, how you
judge your fellow-men as doers of
evil. Condemn yourself or others
and you sow awful seeds, which you
must reap."—Occult Truths.

"Soon we will bask in the warm,
bright, life-giving light of the Sun,
so let us be merry souls in blustering
March. March is just what we make
it."

"March is merry, March is mad,
March is gay and March is sad;
Every humor we may know
If we list the winds that blow."

Stir thy soul with the mighty and
eternal vibrations of the Silence if
thou wou'dst have peace and power.
—A. Z.

THE TARTAR CUE.

Said to Be Worn Out of Gratitude
to the Horse.

Herbert Allen Giles in "China and
the Chinese" says that there are
strange misconceptions as to the mean-
ing of the Chinese cue, which has
really been worn by that nation for
only about 250 years.

It was imposed by the Mantchoo Tar-
tars, the present rulers of China, as a
badge of conquest. Previous to 1644
the Chinese clothed themselves and
dressed their hair like the modern Jap-
anese—that is, like the Japanese who
still wear what is incorrectly known as
the "beautiful native dress of Jap-
an." As a matter of fact, the Japane-
se borrowed their dress as well as
their literature, philosophy and early
art from the Chinese. The Japanese
dress is that of the Ming period in
China, 1368 to 1644.

But where did the Mantchoo Tar-
tars get the cue? They depended as a
race almost for their existence upon
the horse. The accepted theory is that
out of gratitude and respect for his
noble ally the Tartar, so far as he
could, took on himself the equine form
and grew a cue in imitation of a
horse's tail. This somewhat grotesque
theory might fall to the ground save
that it is supported by striking evi-
dence.

Official coats as seen in China at the
present day are made with peculiar
sleeves, shaped like a horse's leg and
ending in an unmistakable hoof, cov-
ering the hand, which are known as
"horseshoe sleeves." Incased therein
a Chinaman's arms look much like a
horse's fore legs. The tail completes
the picture.

Coffee Chewing.

"Coffee chewing," says a doctor, "is
a habit easily contracted, for the taste
of the crisp roasted berries is not un-
pleasant, and the exhilaration, the stim-
ulus, that the berries give is quite as
marked as that which would be obtain-
ed from a glass or two of beer or from
a drink of whisky.

"It is this exhilaration, I am con-
vinced, that causes the habit to be formed
and that makes it a hard habit to break
away from. It should be broken away
from. Its effects are highly injurious.
They are more injurious than those of
tobacco chewing.

"The coffee chewing habit wrecks the
nerves, it makes the skin sallow and it
destroys the appetite. I have had oc-
casion to treat a number of men for it.
I always advise such men to break off
by imperceptible degrees; to give three
or four months to the task. Some suc-
ceed and some do not. Men who work
in coffee plants find it almost impos-
sible to succeed."—New York Tribune.

When Ice Covered Europe.

During the long tertiary epoch, when
opossums disported themselves on the
site of Paris and mastodons tramped
along the valley of the Thames, the
earth was in the throes of mountain
making. The Alps, the Himalayas, the
Alleghenies, the Andes, attest the
power of her activity in those days. At
their termination our continents stood
greatly higher than they do now, and
this aided their glaciation, although it
does not fully account for it.

But as they became loaded with ice
Europe and America gradually, and we
may venture to say contemporaneously,
sank. This was inevitable. Owing to
the extreme heat and pressure prevail-
ing in its interior the earth is an em-
inently elastic body. Its surface ac-
tually bulges in or out with a very
slight increase or decrease of the load
upon it.—Edinburgh Review.

Not in His Seat.

A certain congressman was very busy
at his desk in the house one morning
when a page announced, "A gentleman
in the lobby to see you, sir." "Tell him
I'm not in my seat," said the congress-
man after looking at the card. The
boy, a sturdy looking chap, did not
move. "But you are in your seat, sir,"
he answered in matter of fact tones,
"and I can't say you are not." The
congressman looked at the lad angrily,
but, seeing that he was in earnest,
moved into the vacant chair of his
neighbor. "Now tell him I'm not in my
seat." "Yes, sir," said the boy briskly
and went to deliver the message.

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nature helps to recovery from severe
accidents and operations.—London Hos-
pital.

A Horned Snake.

A very handsome species of snake is
the rhinoceros viper, which bears, as
its name suggests, horns on its nose.
It is most beautifully colored when
freshly emerging from its cast skin, but
its form is by no means elegant, being
very thick in body, with a bulldoglike
head. It may attain a length of more
than six feet and is a very deadly ani-
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And both are now.

—Whittier.

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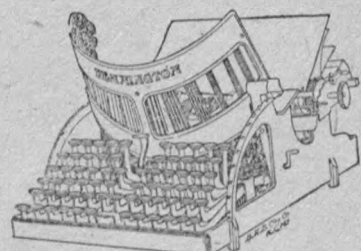
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MYSTERIOUS FORCE FROM WEE GIRL.

Port Jervis, N. Y., Feb. 24. Stella Lundelius, the twelve-year-old daughter of A. Lundelius, a photographer, of this place, possesses the remarkable faculty of being able to increase the apparent weight of her own body. This power was first noticed by her father when she was a child, just able to stand alone. Mr. Lundelius observed that under certain conditions the exertion required to lift her was greater than under ordinary circumstances.

One day while sitting in his chair with the child standing on the floor between his legs, Mr. Lundelius discovered that by putting his fingers on the back of the neck of a person who attempted to pick up the baby there was a resisting power which held the child to the floor. At the time he believed this power emanated from himself.

Since then the child has been the subject of much experiment by persons desirous of testing her alleged power. By simply placing her hand in contact with persons who attempt the lifting she apparently brings into play some mysterious force, which neutralizes the uplifting pressure he brings to bear, and in spite of his utmost efforts her feet remain on the floor, as though fastened there by clamps.

In one lifting experiment tried the lifting power of several men was exerted in vain to lift the child. The effect was as if the weight of her slender little body had been multiplied many times.

Mr. C. O. Young made a test of the girl's power. On the first trial the child interposed no resistance and was easily lifted. On the second the resisting influence was brought into play, with the result that his full strength was unable to move her, although her weight was then only sixty pounds. Other persons who have tested these wonderful powers of Stella Lundelius are Mr. Wilkin, Mr. Charles Lepaugh and Mr. Lipman of New York; the Rev. U. Symonds, of Port Jervis.

Benjamin F. La Rue of Paterson, suffered lame arms for three days after his vain attempt to lift the girl.

No public exhibition of the child's powers has been attempted, except recently, at Kingston, by Dr. C. O. Sahler, who, desirous of studying the case, induced Mrs. Lundelius to visit his institution. In the presence of one hundred and fifty persons Stella gave an exhibition which astonished the spectators. She resisted the combined strength of two men to raise her, and when another was added to the number they were still powerless.

She appeared to make no resistance but by placing her hand on one of the men all their efforts were in vain. One man, with a lifting capacity of three hundred pounds could not budge her from the floor. This power does not always exert itself.

Dr. Sahler, in giving a theory, said:

"Stella's power consists in bringing her will or nerve force into harmony with that of the person who attempts to raise her and thus destroying his individuality. When it is impossible to bring about such a union of vibration the other person does not lose his individuality and his natural strength is not overcome."

One feature of this little girl's peculiar power is her ability to overcome the law of gravitation to such an extent as to make it easy for any person to remove heavy articles of furniture. Her mother said tonight this power was accidentally discovered in her attempt to shove an upright piano across the room. Unable to budge it herself she playfully asked Stella to place her hand upon it. She did so, and Mrs. Lundelius, to her astonishment, was able to push the piano about without effort. The same course was adopted, it is declared, with a large bookcase filled with books, and with similar results.

In addition to the power described Stella is said to be possessed of a high degree of that quality known as magnetism, and, it is claimed, relieves bodily aches and pains by passing her hand over the affected part. Her father suffered from congested nerves so that he could not lift his foot from the floor. Six Port Jervis doctors failed to give relief and a physical from New York city relieved the pain only by giving mercury, until, as Mr. Lundelius says he was a "walking thermometer." His lit-

tle daughter rubbed his side a few few times and he was able to raise his foot from the floor four inches, and three or four treatments are said to have wrought a cure.

Stella Lundelius is one of the youngest pupils in the Port Jervis High School and a clever violinist. She is strong and robust but undersized, weighing sixty-five pounds.

Philadelphia Bulletin.

THE SPIRITUALIST UNION OF CORVALLIS, ORE.

To the Editor of The Sunflower:—

Some one sends us the *SUNFLOWER*. Please let us thank our unknown friend. And perhaps, while sending our thanks, you would like to know something about this far-away place.

Corvallis (heart of the valley) is in the Willamette Valley,—but by no means is it in the center of the valley. It is beautifully situated however, at the junction of Mary's River with the Willamette, and is opposite the pass through which the Coast and Eastern R. R. runs to the Pacific, giving us the benefit of sea breezes during the summer months. We are close to the Coast range, the foot-hills within about two miles of town. We love the foot-hills, the variety and scenery,—for the valley is about as level as a floor. Two R. R., the Coast and the Portland, besides the river steamers, are at our service. The climate is mild and equable, compared with other portions of the State. Neither cold or hot, just enough to know that we have a decided change of season. A few flakes of snow and just a thin ice for a few days,—and now people are working in their gardens, getting ready for planting,—and this is the last of February. The State Agricultural College is located here, and we are justly proud of the fine buildings and grounds, and the work under President Gatch is being well done. Some 500 students are enrolled. There are some minor industries here, but Corvallis is mainly a city of homes, and is destined to become what is called a "College Town."

A city of homes! We might add "A city of churches." We have in our midst. North Methodists, South Methodist, Evangelical, Christian, Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, Episcopal, Catholic, Salvation Army, Divine Healing, and Barrett Lyceum. Our Lyceum was the first appearance of anything liberal that the town ever had and we held the first Spiritualist service ever held here. Such ideas! and such curiosity! You can perhaps grasp the situation when we relate an incident that occurred: A boy who attended the opening of the Barrett Lyceum, was questioned as to how he liked it, and what he saw "Didn't see nothin' but an old grey headed woman that talked." And of course you can quite understand that "talk" amounted to nothing, when a boy was looking for "ghosts."

And now, after a year's work, there is occasionally someone looking for "ghosts." The ignorance of the people concerning Spiritualism is appalling. And never, till we began our public work, here, did we know there could be so much prejudice and superstition. We held our own though, — and have as fair an audience, comparatively, as the other denominations. Regular services every Sunday, at 3 p. m.

We send greetings to Brother and Sister Spiritualists, and if any are looking for a new home in the far west or are traveling through the country, they will find a warm welcome amongst the members of the First Spiritual Union of Corvallis.

Yours for truth.

MRS. J. S. PETTIT-FLINT.

Advance Literary Notice.

The Abbey Press, of 114 Fifth Avenue, New York City, will shortly publish a book entitled "Thompson, the Detective," by Junius L. Hempstead, of Dubuque, Iowa, son of the late Governor Hempstead. Mr. Hempstead has attained fame in varying directions. He won the first prize, offered by Dr. VanZandt, for the best original statute in marble. It was carved in black Vermont marble. The next year the prize was taken by him, so Dr. VanZandt offered to defray all expenses for six years study in Italy and Paris. Mr. Hempstead, however, preferred a literary career, and is now spoken of highly as a poet, and a writer of numerous short stories.

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SEED THOUGHTS.

Now, after long and tedious contention of labor in Pennsylvania for justice, there is special, strenuous effort before the legislature by religionists, mainly clergymen to prevent the abolition of the "Blue Laws" of 1794 which compels the people to observe and strictly keep the "Sabbath" rather Sunday as a few bigoted sectarian fanatics insist upon. As the education of the people has long been that the day even the "Lord's day" is more vitally important than the rights and liberties of humankind it is feared that fanatical bigotry will prevail and continue this shameful yoke on the necks of the people.

When I remember that this is the self-same spirit, kept alive among us, that a few years ago, roasted, hung and burned Spiritualist media as witches by the sanction of religion, I feel hot with righteous indignation against all such infernal cruelty, hypocrisy and fanatical innate, low-down selfishness.

"LOOK ON THAT PICTURE, THEN ON THIS."

In a news item from Washington, D. C., is stated the fact that director Wilson, of the Commercial Museum, received a letter from a Mr. H. F. Krouskyn, of Korea, who is on his way to Philadelphia to make contracts for idols. In his letter he speaks of two sample idols which gave great satisfaction. It is also stated the rivalry among the Koreans to get possession of these two sample idols was so great the firm at once decided to import a large supply of these idols. Should this innovation prove the success promised it appears more than probable the American Buddhas will not only invade Korean temples, but may soon replace those in Chinese and Japan temples.

Of course the 2,000,000 ecclesiasts in the United States rub their hands delighted with this grand commercial turn of affairs. Are we a Christian nation? I should smile. Is there idolatry among us? Millions of it. There is one God—\$—and mammon is his prophet. True on our coin is graven "In God we trust," the truth is in gold we trust—single standard and measure for men and things. Again is loudly spoken in my ear: Where is Orientalism in common at all improving to our Western civilization?

Yet let us sail the ship and plant the seed;

By faith and determined will 'tis done indeed.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise her all mammonists here below;

Praise her above, ye upper-crust, Praise nuggets, quartz and shining dust.

Good Lord, deliver us and I will promise not to do so some more. And now may the love of gold, the one god whose name is mammon, the fellowship of the approaching crisis, her late begotten sons and colonies of the hobo spirit abide with and arrest this people until willing to use their eyes to see, ears to hear and brains to think; and resolve to bow down their backs as beasts of burdens no more, to be ridden by religious and political knaves into fat salaries, place, "grace" and power Selah. Amen and so let it be. Honest industry receives just recompense; the fair daughters and sons of toil of this land of the free and home of the brave, no more mourning through the city, because justice is slain in the streets. But each amply protected in the comfort and joys of the personal homestead, basking under their own roof-tree in perennial increasing

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Soul is power. Truth is the light of the world; the substance or Spirit of God.—Lucy Brack.

"The earth hath felt the breath of spring.

Though yet on her deliverer's wing The lingering frosts of winter cling."

SPIRITUALISTS CELEBRATE.

The attendance at the matinee given at the Spiritualist Temple yesterday afternoon was very gratifying to those who have worked to prepare the program, and the rendition of the program was equally gratifying to the audience. Each child was in colonial garb, and did their part with the spirit of determination which characterized those noble fathers of our land, whom the little tots impersonated. The famous story of George and the cherry tree was the opening tableau. The journey of Washington through the woods and across the Delaware was pleasing stage effects; the Guarding Angel moved through these pictures as surely as some higher power moved for the liberty which we enjoy, and found a climax in the Creation of our Banner when the flag was taken from the hands of the Daughters of Liberty and suspended above their heads. Toil forgot for Joy's Tonic was laughable in the pleasant rendition of figures in dancing and marching. The audience was liberal in their demonstrations of appreciation of Yankee Doodle Doo, when Washington and his lady led the chorus etc.

The program will be repeated Monday night, beginning at 8 o'clock. Merel Peters and Sylvia Thomson, who impersonated Washington and his lady, will sing the verses of Yankee Doodle, Doodle Doo this morning at Lyceum at 9 o'clock. Miss Linda Zink ably presided at the piano for the program, rendering appropriate selections between the pictures.

WINTER.

Winter is here, so cold and so cruel, Think of the snow, sleet and rain; Think of the people without any fuel, Driven to robbing a train.

Winter is here, let us flee to the south, Dream of the warm, sunny skies; Dream of the baby with sweet, rosebud mouth, List to its clear, childish cries.

Winter is here with its ice and its frost, Just see that small, frozen stream; See that snow-man, he seems to be lost, Ho! he is working a scheme

Winter is here, so cold and so cruel, But soon dear, warm spring we will see;

Winter is here, so gallant and bold But soon warm spring time will be. Flossie Griswold.

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Let Us Love One Another.

Let us love one another! There's room for us all: Why need we crowd? And push one to the wall? Each man is our brother, Oh, treat him the same, Be he king or a beggar; No matter the name.

For all are a part Of God's infinite plan; Worth, counts for worth— Let him count who can. Be just to all. What'er nation or race; If you don't like the law, Put yourself in his place.

Let us love one another! Do the good that we can; Too often we censure, Or praise the wrong man. They win the victory Who conquereth self; And no man's rights, Lay by on the shelf. M. B. Sherman.

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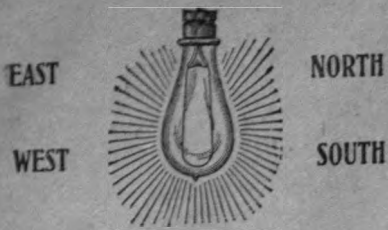
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The First Spiritualist Association of New Philadelphia, O., which I am a member, will observe the 55 Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism with appropriate ceremonies and a genuine Love Feast Sunday, March 29th; the program is not out yet. H. M. Remington.

Mrs. Jennie O. Paine, writes from the First Spiritual Church of West Potsdam, N. Y.: "We were very fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, who came to us on the 25th of February and gave us three of the finest lectures we have ever had the pleasure of listening to. Many thanks to such earnest workers in the cause. We cannot say too much in her praise. She came not as a stranger but as a friend who had been with us twice before, once to lecture and once to attend the funeral of our friend and sister, Mrs. Wm. H. Lewis, who passed over the river last November. She spoke that time to a very small house of strangers to the truths of Spiritualism with such beautiful words of comfort and consolation that many came through the drifts of snow for miles on this occasion, attesting to their recognition of her merit as a speaker and a lady. She gave us some very fine tests which were all recognized with joy by the friends to whom they were given, as names were given in nearly every case. May her shadow never grow less."

W. D. Gror writes from Louisville, Ky.: "The Church of Spirit Communism has very good attendance and on last Sunday night had a very select audience; we had many strangers present and after the lecture given by the pastor, Mrs. Annie Thorndsen which she handled in a forcible manner bringing out points with the strangers and skeptics could not well deny as well as those who believe in spirit return. One point taken was that even though you were skeptical how many of you in my hearing here tonight have not heard a warning word or a rap or saw a vision when you were attending your sick friend or relative and you could not tell what it was or where it came from; you could not see it but you acknowledge that it must be the angels you saw who had come to warn you that the friend has or will pass over on the other side. This seemed to give them a good thought for after the lecture, we had a solo sung by Brother Hans Thorndsen after which the medium Mrs. Annie Thorndsen gave some of her most convincing tests since we have opened as some of them were total strangers have never been to a meeting of the kind in their lives before and expressed it as wonderful."

H. Dalton is holding meetings every Sunday evening to large audience. Who appreciate the meetings very much. They are mostly church people.

Quite a large audience assembled in Haber's hall on Sabbath evening to hear the spirit messages as given by Mrs. Mary McFarland and Wm. Arent of Allegheny, who will continue in charge of the meetings until April 1st. The interest is increasing to such an extent that it was necessary to announce a meeting for next Sabbath afternoon at 2:30, which will be devoted entirely to the giving of tests.—Daily News, McKeesport, Pa.

D. Feast, Cor., writes from Baltimore, Md.: "The Church of the Living Truth was recently organized at 663 W. Saratoga, St this city. The Spiritual Union, a body composed principally of local mediums, concluded to unite with the Church

of the Living Truth and with good results so far. Mrs. Parkhurst the leading spirit, in the organization deserves great credit in the movement. Ed Wright, a local medium, is President. Wm. L. Miller, another enthusiastic local medium, is Vice-President and Mrs. Florence Bray, corresponding Secretary and Mrs. Duley, also a local medium as Treasurer. The Board of Trustees are: Mrs. Parkhurst, Mrs. Feige and others whose names I could not learn. The organization is duly incorporated; has about 50 members. The property is centrally located and owned by Mrs. Parkhurst who is a fine medium and one much interested in the cause of Spiritualism. They contemplate starting a Lyceum in the near future—just as soon as they get into working order. Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn and Dr. N. S. Raylin have occupied their platform since its organization. Generally the platform is occupied by local mediums. Mrs. Parkhurst is careful that only tried and true mediums shall represent the cause at The Church of the Living Truth.

Louise E. Zimmerman, Secretary of the Elmira, N. Y. Spiritual Society writes: "Through your valuable publication we wish to correct an erroneous report which has, in some unaccountable manner, become current in Rochester and other places, that the Society of the First Spiritualist Church of this city, is broken up and running down, the same as other societies have done."

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"The fortnightly socials at the Church are a success financially and socially, the last social was held at Sister J. E. V. Allin's an old-time and still earnest worker in our truth, and was greatly enjoyed by all present, who voted her a royal hostess and look forward to the time when she will again open her parlors to the society and friends for an evening's enjoyment. 'Nuwakah' is not to be forgotten in her share of the entertainment and truths voiced through her medium."

"Sister VanKanzler is still with us, voicing the truth as given her by the intelligences from the spheres beyond."

"Many new members have been admitted and the outlook was never brighter for the growth and upbuilding of the work and the society than now."

"We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the friends and members who so kindly and generously contributed the funds which enabled us to meet the obligation in so short a time."

"The Truth, like a mighty ocean, flows ever onward."

Mrs. Addie Cooper writes from Syracuse, N. Y. "Tuesday evening, March 3rd, The auxiliary of the State Society held their monthly social at the home of Mrs. Emma Rowe. After a social chat on the ever new and entrancing subject, Spiritualism, we were summoned to her dining room where the table fairly groaned under its weight of goodies; after which we again talked of plans to further benefit our local organization. When we dispersed each one felt fully repaid by the pleasurable and profitable evening spent. Services were in Snow Hall as usual, with Mrs. Binning as speaker. The seats were all full, during the lecture and not one sound was heard, not even a whisper, save the sacred truths that fell from the lips of the speaker. She seemed to hold the audience spellbound; after which Mrs. Garner gave tests that were very fine all were recognized."

Some one enquires: Will some one kindly inform me through your valuable paper if there is any danger of a child sitting in a class for development where the best thoughts are prevalent and its object the best conditions are drawn? Is it not better for a child to sit with their own family and get a band formed around them that will bring truth and harmony, than to wait until they are men and women?

Through the power of Spirit man gets from the world what is best of a worldly nature for him; our natural means are best supplied when we live in the Spirit.

Aspire for the perfect and pine not for those things that please only the senses, if thou wouldst know and realize peace, harmony and melody.

THREE LESSONS.

The following is the effect of three seances held by one of our contributors; but as some of the thoughts may conflict with the opinions of a number of our readers, we publish it as interesting reading that contains a series of morals worth knowing—leaving the whole to the individual for comment, and to accept or reject according to inclination.

LESSON I.

Question. What is God.
Answer. The spirit or soul of life; universal mind; intelligence, will-power and love in unity; the ruling power of existence; law.

Q. What is spirit?

A. The intelligent principle of matter; the positive half of the condition known as spirit and matter.

Q. What is matter?

A. The materialization of spirit.

Q. Does spirit exist independent of matter?

A. No, but it is invisible to physical sight. That which is seen is but a small percentage of the real substance. To mortal conception it is all spirit, and in that sense planetary matter is the spirit materialized.

Q. What is man?

A. Individualized spirit.

Q. Are all human beings created alike?

A. Yes, but there are planetary conditions not visible to our sight—ours being the grossest form of matter known to us.

Q. How would a being from these higher conditions appear to us?

A. As spirits, so-called, and as we would appear to the planetary conditions grosser than ours.

Q. Do such conditions exist?

A. We may infer that they do. Nothing is impossible with God or law.

Q. Are they discoverable?

A. No, because we cannot reach beyond our own universe of matter and spirit, unless attracted to a grosser condition by crimes irredeemable in our own condition.

Q. Then may we not also be attracted to higher conditions?

A. Yes, if we have overcome the attracting-force of the present.

Q. Would that be considered progress?

A. Yes, if we have not fallen from the higher to the present, as we may fall from this to the grosser or lower form of spirit and matter.

Q. What is hell?

A. Any materialized form of spirit may be so considered.

Q. Is there a future hell?

A. Yes, for those who are still under the influence of matter, so-called.

Q. What do they suffer?

A. If sensual they suffer what mortals do, who are ground in sensualism; if selfish they suffer in soul. If both they suffer both.

Q. What is soul-suffering?

A. Discontent, melancholy, regret, despondence and often despair.

Q. How can we prevent suffering?

A. By living above our natural conditions.

Q. How is this possible?

A. By instituting a vibration that makes us positive to the vibrations of matter to which we are connected.

Q. What creates this vibration?

A. Mental activity, physical energy or moral endeavor; according to the needs of the spirit individualized.

Q. What founds these needs?

A. Inheritance, pre-natal conditions and past existence, whether in a higher or lower condition of spirit-matter.

Q. Must a spirit be reborn into the condition to which it is attracted?

A. Yes, but if a lower, it needs that kind of matter to slough off the impurities infused into its spirit-body—such being the purging process or the condition needed to separate the grosser from those finer elements to enable the spirit to advance. If attracted to a higher condition of matter, it is the stepping-stone to its spiritual counterpart.

Q. Are these grades of matter in our universe?

A. Yes, but none sufficiently distinct to be visible to our sight.

Q. How are they distinguished?

A. By the finer or coarser fabric of human bodies; by races, and by mental or moral culture.

Q. Then a refined or purified spirit may exist in an unrefined body?

A. Yes, and an unrefined spirit may exist in a refined body. In the former the pre-determination of the spirit to rise above its natural

attraction has conquered; while in the latter it has fallen below the same, to be attracted to coarser conditions at the next trial, though it may see its error in time and thus regain its former state by a pre-determination to reform, and even excel its former self, thus forcing itself altogether from the influences of matter as it exists in its own planet or in its own solar system. In the latter instance it becomes an inter-planetary spirit and is ready to take another step forward, when so inclined or it has lost interest in its own system.

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He not also say: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father," and herein He clearly puts the doing of the divine will before any personal homage to Himself.

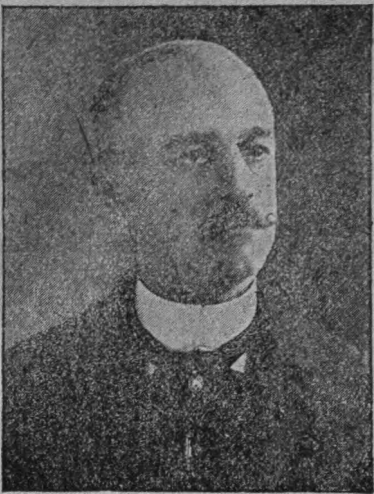
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Here speculation is easy but valueless. Guesses are cheap, and useless. Since it has placed the Guardian of Truth to give to humanity the testimony—the first hand testimony—of His faithful children.

Bartholomew in Histestimony gives us the key to His explanation. He is referring to a meeting of the Priests at Antioch, A. D. 298.

"Then an angel priest arose and said, 'We were compelled to do what we did do, form ourselves into a body, as the crazy heretics had scattered their ideas among the the heathens relative to female being held by anointed priests and confessors, and they were fools enough to hold themselves from confession until priests were compelled to force them, by a decree, to come to their relief. And now we must have an idol they all do know did live, and if you want Jesus we will have him, but if you want John then we will have him. It matters not which, as John scattered heresy, even as the first born of Joseph and Mary. Now choose which shall be held before the faithful followers of Moses. He was a priest and he begat an hundred and forty-four children, and he was never bound to any. His concubines were ever ready at his will and pleasure, and as we bow to him as a director let us share the pleasure of his life, even as he did, and if we can hold control over the heathen people let us give them an idol, one they all know did live, that can comfort even as Moses was comforted. Then the council remained in session four days, ere they could decide what was best to do for an idol. As they knew Jesus had become more notorious than John, among the heathen, by his many acts, which could not be denied, they came to the conclusion that it was better to take the humble child of Joseph and Mary as their idol, under the name of Christ, which is, when truly translated from the heathen dialect, a controller of hell. Now, here I am to defend my brother, lest he should be accused of being the instigator of such a heathen plot as being between Almighty God and his children, as mediator. Does God ask man to assist him in his wondrous formations, and in holding his myriads of worlds in harmony, one with the other? Then how is it that the heathen bigots still claim and hold control of the human mind, cause Ideality to bow to priestcraft, hypocrisy, deceit and hell? Hell is ignorance, and ignorance lays the foundation for the ambitious to chain and bind the lesser mind, and these are the souls that are chained and bound by the crafty priesthood. And what are your isms today but the devices of crafty man, in order that he may live in ease and splendor, while the humble laborer can toil on from day to day, to feed and clothe him that holds himself before the people as one that is making intercession with the Holy Jesus, and he interceding with the Creator, to hold his own created from temptation and the devil? Holy God, if thou hast created such a being to tempt the highest and holiest of thy creations, thy own children to go astray, are thy children accountable for aught that may befall them? Lay not to the charge of Almighty God, the foul stigma of tempting his feeble children in their earthly condition.

"Give them light that they may behold their father, God, and His mighty changes, in order to bring the human mind in rapport with himself as he is, then they will not ask for an idol to intercede for them in any form whatever—pope, priest, confessor, layman or clergy—but they will be willing to say, there I am my Father and my God. Lead me through knowledge I may be able to draw from thee, thou God of immensity, by conditions that are before me, and all of thy created, that have light given from the great first cause, eternal light. Here I am



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that humanity may know how they have been held by the designing priesthood, that they may look upon as holy things, and cause the ignorant to feel their necessities must be satisfied, even before their own. Now these facts I have laid down happened two hundred and sixty-four years after Jesus had ceased to be earthy. And now the Catholics had begun to lose ground again, and they knew that unless some new control could be brought to bear upon the minds of the masses, the influence would be lost in Judaism, heresy and light."

This shows us how the name "Christ" was applied to Jesus and the purpose of the priests in its use. Their purpose was still Idolatry, with Jesus for the Idol. Their success lay in that direction, they thus used the prestige acquired by the life and suffering of Jesus and his co-workers.

His followers today confess him, as the Way, the Truth and the Life. As the faithful son of the Light that he was and is, those who dispute this have got the Solar Being, the Living God, to deal with.

Of course this extract is not meant to explain and cover all the events of Christian history; but it explains how the original movement for truth, founded by Jesus came to be steered off into the Ritualism and Idolatry of priestly ecclesiasticism.

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